

**Ashton Zylstra**

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**From:** Cary Hansel  
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 12:11 PM  
**To:** Ashton Zylstra  
**Subject:** FW: Hulbert v Sgt. Pope, et al

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From: Cary Hansel <Cary@hansellaw.com>  
Date: 1/10/20 12:09 PM (GMT-05:00)  
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Subject: RE: Hulbert v Sgt. Pope, et al

After you provide copies of the relevant documents, I will review them and consider your request. Until then, the depositions will proceed as noted.

I'll see you Monday for the depositions.

Thanks,

Cary

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From: John Fredrickson -DGS- <john.fredrickson@maryland.gov>  
Date: 1/10/20 12:00 PM (GMT-05:00)  
To: Cary Hansel <Cary@hansellaw.com>  
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Cary: I found an officer in Executive Protection who has copies of the schedule of assignments. That schedule (which will be produced in redacted form) shows that on 2/5/18 Sgt. Shusko was on sick leave, Sgt. Decerbo was assigned as the early (a.m.) advance detail for the Lt. Gov. and that TFC. Walder was assigned to be alongside the Lt. Gov for the day. Therefore, Sgt. Shusko was not on duty on 2/5/18 and Sgt. Decerbo would have been off duty before any possible relevant communication with the Mansion or MCP about placing an officer at Lawyers' Mall. Even had Sgt. Decerbo been on duty at 7:00 p.m., the advance officer rarely has any contact with the protectee (Lt. Gov.). Given these facts, I suggest that we cancel the depositions of Sgt. Shusko and Sgt. Decerbo. We can then proceed with the deposition of TFC Walder as he was the only officer who could have communicated with the Mansion in regard to the Lt. Gov's movements. Please let em know at the earliest so that we can save time and money.

**Exhibit J**

Best,

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